

Preface

This special issue contains the talks presented at a conference held at the Centre International de Rencontres Mathématiques in Marseille, October 14–18, 1985. This congress was the continuation of a series of similar meetings, the last of which was organized by our colleague and friend, the late Professor Dr. Helmut Werner who passed last November after a long illness. For that reason, I proposed to dedicate this volume to his memory.

The papers enclosed in this issue can be roughly divided into three (overlapping) categories:

- (1) Continued fractions,
- (2) Padé approximation,
- (3) Extrapolation.

All the papers present carefully selected new results in the field, many of them bringing a substantial and important improvement.

I would like to thank all the participants and the staff of CIRM for their cooperation in making a very friendly meeting.

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